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PREFACE.

IN presenting this work to the public, it is my intention to give as correct a history as possible of Montgomery County, and the settlement of each township therein. At the same time this book is rendered valuable to every citizen interested in the county, as it gives not only the pioneer, but the complete business history.

The engravings and illustrations of many of the principal points of interest herein contained combine to show the rapid advance made in Montgomery County since its first invasion by the white man to the present time. As a matter of reference it will be found useful.

Usefulness, indeed, rather than any other, has been my aim in preparing this work; and I trust that it will not fail in the attainment of its object. Much labor and time have been expended to render this work absolutely correct.

For valuable information and liberal patronage thanks are extended to the public.

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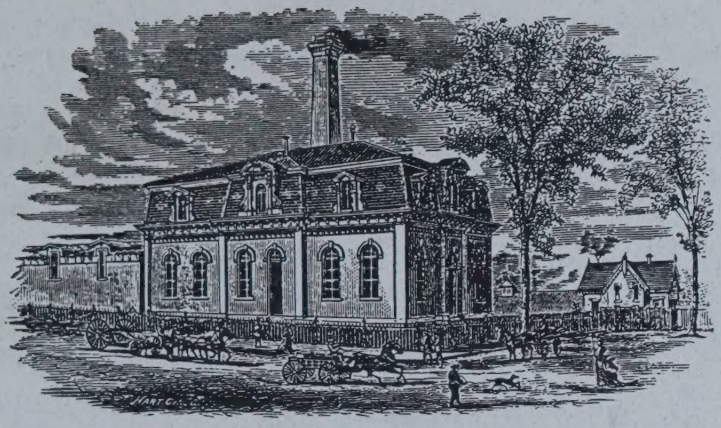


City Water Works,

Bird's Eye View of National Soldiers' Home

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

ITS PIONEER HISTORY.

THE LAND lying between the Miami Rivers, known as the Miami country, was surveyed in the year 1788, under the auspices of the government of the United States. During the same year, John C. Symmes entered into a contract with the authorities of the government for the purchase of one million acres of the land lying between the Miami Rivers, and soon after began arrangements for settling the country. About this time a party of enterprising gentlemen entered into an agreement with Mr. Symmes for the purchase of lands at this point. They laid out a town which was called Venice. The projectors of this enterprise intended to form a settlement at this point, at the same time that those upon the Ohio River were settled. The "noble red men" of the forest, however, not relishing the idea of civilization making such rapid strides, and thereby depriving them of their accustomed freedom and their forest homes, manifested a disposition so decidedly hostile that it was not deemed prudent to extend the settlements so far into the interior, as it would be difficult to secure them against the attacks of the Indians, so the one on the present site of Dayton was abandoned for the time.

In the year 1789 or 1790, several stations were established in the Miami country besides those points first settled by the whites, which were Cincinnatti, Columbus, and North Bend. Those stations established further up in the country were, of course, more exposed to the attacks of the Indians who became very troublesome, annoying the peaceful pioneers to such an extent that General Hamar marched upon their towns on the Maumee River in the latter part of the year 1790. If General Hamar anticipated an easy victory at all, his anticipations failed in realization, as, after two unsuccessful battles, he was compelled to return home, having accomplished nothing save to inflame the Indians still more by his invasion. They, therefore, sought to revenge themselves by infesting the newly-made settlements constantly, and in such numbers that no person could leave the station without endangering his life or his freedom. In the first part of the year 1791, some four hundred of the painted fiends, thirsting for revenge, assailed Dunlap's Station, on the Great Miami River. This battle was prolonged over twenty-four hours, and resulted in the defeat of the enemy, who failed to take the station.

During this season several persons were killed in the neighborhoood of the settlement. On one occasion a number of men were massacred near the mouth of Deer Creek while on their way from Cincinnati to Columbia, in a canoe. This was but one of the many dastardly acts committed by the Indians. They had become so bold that they were seen lurking around Cincinnati during the day, and at night skulking through the settlement. Their warlike demonstrations prevented the formation of new settlements, but those already began grew daily in strength and were soon able to cope successfully with their adversaries.

In the year 1791 the army of General St. Clair made a raid into the Indian country and built Ft. Hamilton (where Hamilton now stands), and another fort (where the town of Eaton stands at present.) General Wayne soon afterward built six others, making a chain of posts extending from Cincinnati to the mouth of the Auglaize.

General Wayne's victory over the Indians on the 20th of August, 1794, brought about a general treaty with all the hostile tribes, which was concluded on the 3rd of September, 1795. Peace was then established, boundaries were defined, and the country was then prepared for speedy settlement. About two weeks subsequent to the signing and settling of the treaty, Authur St. Clair, James Wilkinson, Jonathan Dayton, and Israel Ludlow made a contract with John C. Symmes, who assigned them off his claim two ranges of land, extending from one Miami to the other, upon their agreeing to make three settlements within their purchase. One was where Dayton now stands, one upon the banks of the Little Miami, and a third on the banks of Mad River. On September 21st, two parties of surveyors left Cincinnati, one party under Daniel C. Cooper, to survey and partially clear a road from Cincinnati to the mouth of Mad River, while the other party, under the control of John Dunlap, was to run out and define the boundaries of their purchase.

Captain Dunlap's party were accompanied by a man named Bedell to a point about six miles west of Lebanon, where he intended to make a settlement, the first one made in advance of the old stations. Previous to this time the frontier in that direction was a station only eleven miles from Cincinnati, on Mill Creek. At that point the surveying parties separated, the Dunlap party arriving at the point where Dayton now stands on the 27th day of September. Shortly after Mr. Cooper's party arrived in company with some explorers and home-seekers from Kentucky. They had heard of this fertile region between the Miami Rivers, and purported settling there permanently. The next day they took up their line of march up the river, but penetrated no further than one or two miles. They found the land thickly covered with a growth of vines and rank weeds, which so impeded their progress that they became discouraged, abandoned the idea of settling in Ohio, and returned home.

Mr. Cooper's party also returned to Cincinnati, while Captain Dunlap and his men finished the survey, which detained them about a week longer. During this time the camp was visited by the Indians, who still entertained a strong dislike for the pioneers, and their self-appointed task of settling and civilizing the country. At this time they carried off all the camp provisions, but inflicted no personal injuries. The party completed their survey and returned to Cincinnati on October 6th. Mr. Ludlow, one of the proprietors, came up from Cincinnati about November 1st and began laying out the town, and after finishing his work he gave to the town the name of Dayton, on the 4th day of November, 1795.

The proprietors, in order to secure a speedy settlement, offered certain privileges and donations to those who would volunteer as settlers. This inducement influenced forty-six persons to pledge them-

selves to this effect. To each man was apportioned two lots, and he was accorded the privilege of purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land at the rate of one French crown per acre. Out of the forty-six, we are sorry to state, only fifteen fulfilled their promises. On April 1st, 1796, four of them arrived in a skiff, after a passage of ten days down the Ohio and up the Miami Rivers. Two or three had taken up their abode here the previous winter, and the remainder soon followed with four more, who had made arrangements with the owners previously, making nineteen persons, who entitled themselves to donations of town lots by becoming volunteer settlers. The names of those nineteen sturdy pioneers are as follows, to-wit:

William Gahagan, Samuel Thompson, Benjamin Van Cleve, William Van Cleve, Solomon Goss, Thomas and John Davis, John and James McClure, Daniel Farrell, William and Solomon Hamar, Abraham Grassmire, ——— Dorough, William Chenoweth, James Morris, and George and William Newcom. Below we give a few brief biographical sketches of some of these early settlers:

Samuel Thompson was a native of Pennsylvania. He removed to Cincinnati at an early day.

Benjamin Van Cleve was a young man about twenty-five years of age at this time. After the organization of the county he was appointed County Clerk. He was also the first postmaster at Dayton, and always, until his death, occupied a prominent position in the county.

William Van Cleve was younger than his brother Benjamin. He commanded the Dayton riflemen, who, during the year 1812, took an active part in the protection of the frontier. The McClure brothers were from Western Pennsylvania.

Daniel Farrell came here from Western Virginia. He was about fifty years old at this time.

William Hamar was probably from Maryland. He was the well-known preacher of Methodist persuasion. Most of those people believing in this form of worship formed a colony of their own on the banks of the Mad River. The services were usually held at the house of their minister.

William Gahagan was born in Ireland, and came to Cincinnati from Pennsylvania.

Thomas Davis was born in Wales. He also removed to this vicinity from Pennsylvania.

Abraham Grassmire was born in Germany. He was by trade a weaver.

——— Dorough was a miller. His christian name is not positively known.

James Morris was from Pennsylvania.

George Newcom was born in Ireland. Colonel Newcom, as he was usually known, was Sheriff of the county, Member of the Assembly, and State Senator.

About the time when the first residents of this village settled here a few families located where Miamisburg now stands. The place then bore the euphonious name of Holes Station. A few also settled where Franklin is now located, and some on the big prairie below Middletown. The same year Jonathan Mercer settled upon Mad River, about ten miles above Dayton.

The people around Mercer Station seemed to be objects of spite and bitter hatred to the Indians. At one time the worthy settlers became so greatly alarmed by the abusive and threatening conduct of the red devils that they abandoned their pioneer homes, believing it hazardous to remain longer. In

a short time, however, they all returned. The other settlements were molested by the Indians no farther than by an occasional raid upon their horses and provisions.

All that land lying on the west side of Dayton, now occupied by fine residences, was the fertile corn-fields of our early settlers. Previous to the production of corn upon this fertile plain, provisions of this kind were transported hither from Cincinnati. Flour, in Cincinnati, was worth about ten dollars per barrel. Corn-meal brought two dollars per bushel, while for transportation it cost about two dollars and fifty cents per hundred weight; but since the first harvest the importation of provisions from another section to this has been necessary. It took but a short period of time for the sturdy pioneer to overcome all of the disadvantages incident to a new country, and settlers flocked hither from all sections, taking up the land adjacent to Dayton, which was soon transformed and the foundation laid for the beautiful and highly productive farms, which rank to-day among the finest in the country.

Soon after, however, there came to light a fact which brought consternation to the hearts of these people, whose homes were bought by hard labor and honest toil. A question arose as to the validity of the titles, not only of the lots in town, but all the land around it. This caused an entire cessation of emigration for some time. The settlers had made their purchases and expected to receive their titles from Messrs. St. Clair, Wilkinson, Ludlow, and Dayton, the assignees of Symmes. Mr. Symmes, however, discovered at this time that he had undertaken a larger scheme than he could carry through. He could not fulfill his contract and make payment for the whole of his purchase.

The government at length granted him a patent for the land he was able to pay for, and took back the balance, which included the two ranges of land which he had assigned and set over to the said Messrs. St. Clair, Wilkinson, Ludlow, and Dayton. When this became generally known the settlers became much alarmed at the danger which apparently threatened their lands, the loss of which included the labor expended upon it, and the hopes of reaping the benefit of this labor by gaining a home and becoming one os the settlers of this fertile country were suddenly destroyed by this unwelcome and unexpected report. This handful of hardy, honest and enterprising men had gone into the forest, far in advance of the frontier; had encountered untold disadvantages, obstacles, and privations, but nothing daunted; they had pushed on, expended their limited means, worked hard, both early and late, with always before them as their beacon light the bright hope and cheering prospect of making a thrifty and beautiful home for their families and seeing their sons in time, bearing their share of the burden, and receiving their share of the reward. To see their hopes which had buoyed them up throughout their countless trials undermined by so great a catastrophe as that looming before them now would have daunted hearts less courageous than were those of the brave PIONEERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY!

As it was, some who had located here migrated to other sections where this difficulty did not exist, while this unhappy state of affairs prevented many from settling here who would otherwise have done so. The title under Symmes had failed, and the government had not yet made arrangements for the sale of the land at the public land office. Every thing was at a standstill. Those here were nearly disheartened, and no inducement was offered for emigrants. This condition of affairs lasted for some time. At length the inhabitants petitioned Congress to do something for them.

On the second day of March, 1799, Congress passed an act, known as the premption law, by which all persons holding a written contract with John C. Symmes (made previous to April 1st, 1797) for

the purchase of land between the Miami Rivers, not comprehended in his patent, were entitled to a preference, in purchasing the same land of the United States at two dollars per acre, to be paid in three years. This law did not afford relief, and but very few took advantage of it, or purchased land.

Again, in the summer of 1799, the inhabitants of the Miami country became alarmed at the threatening attitude of the Indians, who, it was thought, were influenced by the British traders among them, who had become disatisfied with the disposition made of the land and the boundaries established. The alarm was so universal that the people in all the different settlements built block houses for protection against the enemy. But, to the great relief of all, the Indians remained quiet, and once more a feeling of security and peace prevailed. One block house was built at Dayton, near the head of Main street, on the banks of the river.

On the third of March, 1801, Congress passed another pre-emption law, extending the privilege granted by the first act to all persons who had made a written contract with John C. Symmes, or his associates, or had made payment of money for land, giving longer time to prove claims and make payments. In addition to paying two dollars per acre they agreed to pay surveyor's fee and a few incidental expenses. The original piece of land sold to John C. Symmes was two-thirds of a dollar per acre, and the purchase of the assignees was estimated the same. Accordingly the settlers who had bought land and lost it, re-purchased the same property at a small advance on the original sum—but in no case did it amount to two dollars per acre. Therefore, although the pre-emption afforded them considerable relief, of which, under existing circumstances, they were glad to avail themselves, it did not place them in so good a situation as the contract made with Messrs. St. Clair, Wilkinson, Ludlow and Dayton. In addition to this misfortune, those, who becoming volunteer settlers, had entitled themselves to donations, lost these gratuities, and were only suffered to retain their lots at the price of two dollars per acre in preference to any other person.

St. Clair and his co-workers might have availed themselves of the law and entered the entire tract, which Judge Symmes had relinquished to them, but in this case the government required two dollars per acre instead of sixty-five cents, which latter were the terms of their purchase of Mr. Symmes. This advance in price, and mayhaps the fact of their having disposed of considerable land at a much lower figure and would be obliged to complete the titles to the purchasers at a positive loss to themselves, determined them to abandon their speculation and decline availing themselves of the aforesaid law. They therefore notified the commissioners who had been appointed by the government to examine and decide upon claims of pre-emption of their relinquishment of their right, and assist the settlers who had bought of them to obtain their allowance of their claims. Therefore, all who chose so to do, procured patents, not only for their land, but their lots in town as well, which cost them about one dollar each. At the same time, when the pre-emption law passed into effect, the land offices were open for the sale of government land. This brought emigrants from all directions.

The real beginning of prosperity in Montgomery County dates as far back as 1801. During this year a list was taken of the free males, over twenty-one years of age, in Dayton township—which then formed a part of Hamilton County, the whole of Miami County, running north of a line a short distance below Miamisburg. There were twenty-eight west of the Great Miami, twenty east of the Little Miami, and three hundred and eighty-two between, making a sum total of four hundred and thirty.

The opening of the land office gave an impetus to emigration into the eastern portion of the terri-

tory that soon increased its population to the requisite number which would entitle it to admission into the Union, and on the 30th of April, 1802, Congress passed an act authorizing it to form a constitution and enter into a State government. The convention met for the formation of its constitution on November 1st of this year, and on March 1st, 1803, the first Legislature assembled. One of the first acts was for the division of Hamilton and Ross counties. Hamilton, at that time, comprised all of the Miami country. It was by this legislature reduced to its present size, and Montgomery formed. It then embraced all the country north of Butler and Warren, to the northern boundry of the State.

Since then eleven counties have been formed from Montgomery County. Dayton was made the county-seat, and the house of George Newcom was made the court-house *pro tem.* Before the establishing of the seat of justice at Dayton, very many of its first settlers had moved upon their farms, and at this time only five families remained in Dayton. These five families lived near the river, and for some time that locality was the principal business centre. Finally, however, it began to branch out, and the corner of Main and First streets was the "Hub."

Montgomery County was named in honor of General Montgomery, of the American Revolutionary Army. He was born in Ireland in 1737, and was killed at Quebec on December 31st, 1775.

The first court opened July 27th, 1803, and adjourned the same day, there being no legal business to transact. There were present, representing the interests of the State of Ohio, the following gentlemen:

Francis Dunlevy, President of the first Judicial Court, with Benjamin Archer, of Centreville; Isaac Spinning, a farmer living near Dayton, and John Ewing, of Washington township, who were associate judges; Benjamin Van Cleve, County Clerk, *pro tem*; George Newcom, Sheriff; James Miller, Coroner; Daniel Symmes, of Cincinnati, Prosecutor, *pro tem*, for the State; and besides these nearly all the white population in the surrounding country, who assembled for a good, old-fashioned visit.

The first jurymen in Montgomery County were as follows, to-wit: John McCabe, William Hamer, William Snodgrass, John Devor, James Miller, jr., William Waugh, John McGrew, William Lamme, Aaron Nut, John Mikesell, Alexander Scott, Daniel C. Cooper, John Houston, John Bradford, Benjamin Robbins, Henry Youst, and Samuel Morrison.

The first jail was a peculiar public institution. When a man committed a breach of the peace he was handed over to Colonel Newcom, and deposited safely into the depths of his "old dry well," where he remained until brought to the surface for trial. This jail, though not an elegant affair, was certainly a safe repository for criminals, and was looked upon with pride by all of the law-abiding citizens of the county.

The first brick building was erected in 1805, and the first brick residence was built by Henry Brown, in 1808.

The population had increased to three hundred and eighty-three in 1810. When the war of 1812 began, Dayton, lying on the road to the north-western frontier, became a post of collection and deposit for provisions for the troops. This caused the town to improve and increase in population rapidly. This progress continued after the war, and in 1820 Dayton had a population of eleven hundred and thirty-nine—an increase of about thirty per cent. in ten years.

But a short time after this the "wild cat" banks in the western country began "breaking up,"

and this caused great depression in business. Property of all kinds fell in value, and all improvements ceased in Dayton. Its population remained about the same for some time, until work began upon the canal. This infused new life and vigor. The division of the Miami canal extending from Dayton to Middletown was put under contract in May, 1827, and during the same year building commenced with considerable activity. All the old and neglected houses were put into repair and filled with tenants. They soon became more plenty than houses. New ones were accordingly erected to meet the demand, and the whole town bore the imprint of prosperity.

The census was taken in 1828, and it showed an increase of five hundred and fifty-eight over 1820, and this increase had nearly, if not all, taken place during the last year. The United States Deputy Marshal enumerated the inhabitants in June, 1830. It had then increased to two thousand, nine hundred and fifty-four. Eighteen months subsequent, at the close of the war, in 1831, the census was again taken, and the population numbered two thousand three hundred and fifty-eight. This may be considered during this time the actual permanent population. Improvement kept pace with this increase of population. At the end of the year 1828 the town had one hundred and twenty-five brick buildings. In 1829 forty-six new brick buildings were erected, and fifty-four wooden ones, making in one year one hundred new buildings.

The canal was opened for navigation to Dayton in January, 1829. Dayton then probably contained nearly ten thousand inhabitants, while to-day it comprises upwards of forty thousand souls, and it now shows a steady and rapid increase.

In connection with this brief history of the settlement of Montgomery County and the progress of Dayton, the following may not be uninteresting to many of our readers :

DATES AND INCIDENTS CONCERNING THE FLOODS WHICH HAVE VISITED DAYTON.

In the spring of 1805 Dayton was overflowed in consequence of an extraordinary rise in the river. In all ordinary rises of the river, the waters had heretofore flowed through the province east of the town, but the flood of 1805 covered a great portion of the town itself. There were only two spots of dry land in all Dayton. The river broke its banks at the head of Jefferson street and coursed down to the common at the east end of old Market street in such a volume that a horse could not cross without swimming, and leaving an island between this point and the mill. A canoe could be floated at the intersection of First and St. Clair streets. At the Court-house the water was at least eight feet deep. This flood caused many of the inhabitants great anxiety, and disposed some to abandon the town and lay out another farther to the south-east, where the ground was higher.

This project was strenuously opposed by some of the leading inhabitants, which was, no doubt, for the best interests of Dayton. Some time afterwards they built a levee across the low lands at the grist-mill to prevent the passage of water out of its natural channels, but this not being sufficiently strong the floods overcame it and washed it away several times.

In 1814 Dayton was under water again. A horse could swim at various places. In 1847 another flood came, and did damage to the extent of several thousand dollars. This caused a levee to be built, which was sufficiently strong to insure the lower part of the town perfectly secure from any such disaster in the future.

EARLY NAVIGATION.

Previous to the erection of so many mill-dams upon the Miami, it was navigable during the greater portion of the year for "keel boats," by which a considerable amount of business was done above and below Dayton. A few years before the war of 1812, two enterprising and ingenious citizens built two small "keel boats" on Main street, near the Court-house, hauled them down to the river, and launched them (we suppose with a feeling of as much elation as the famous ship-builder of Chester, when he launched his immense steamships). They proceeded up the river to Loramier, where one of them was taken out of the water and hauled a distance of twelve-miles to the St. Marys River, and thus a connecting line was formed, one boat plying upon the Miami, while the other operated upon the beautiful Maumee. With both boats the proprietors carried on a considerable trade, making quite regular trips.

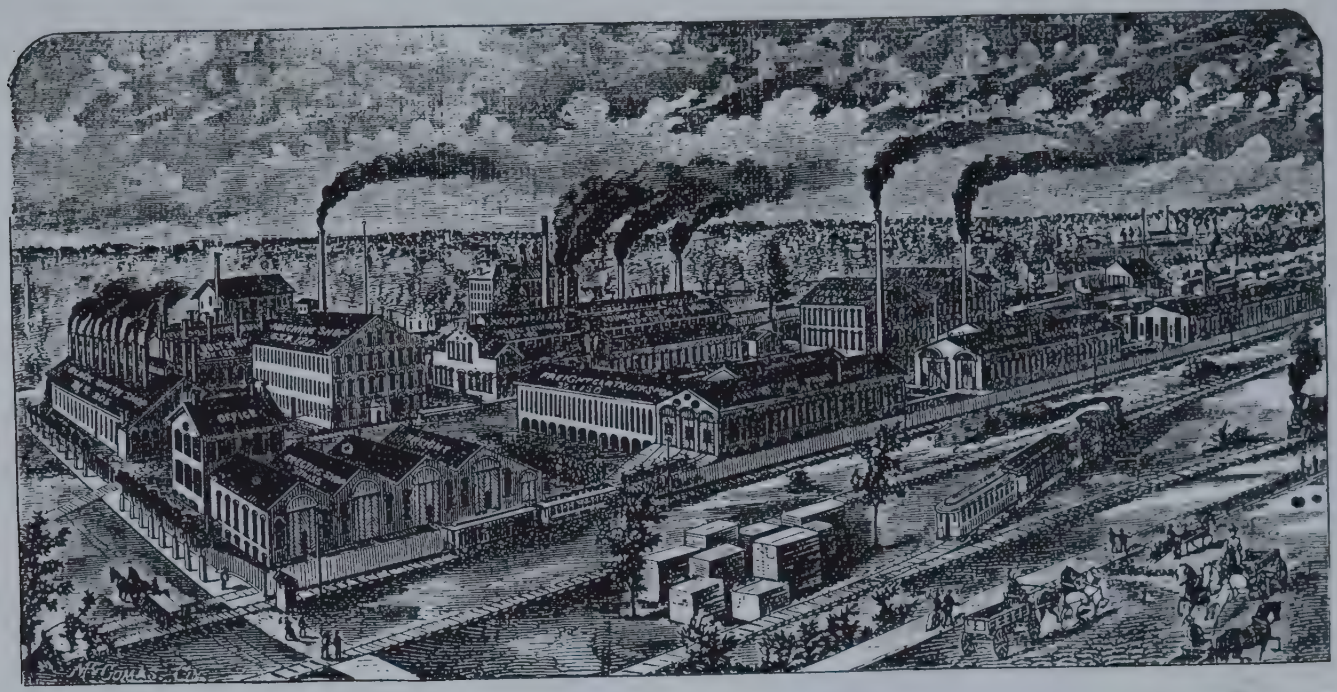
Business continued upon the Miami River with keel boats as late as 1820, but by that time navigation was impeded to such an extent by mill-dams, and the price of wagon transportation from Cincinnati to Dayton had been reduced to so low a figure, that boats could not be made profitable, and finally they were taken off the river. From that time until the canal was opened the only species of navigation seen at Dayton was the descent of flat-boats on their way to New Orleans. Boats of that kind left Dayton as early as 1809.

Governor Brown, as far back as 1819, was urging the connection of Cincinnati and Dayton by means of a canal, and did much toward the accomplishment of that much-desired object. On the 25th day of January, 1829, Governor Brown experienced the pleasure of realizing that his long-desired and worked-for scheme had culminated into positive success, and the first boat had reached Dayton from Cincinnati. This boat was called "Governor Brown."

EARLY MAIL ROUTES.

The post-office was established in Dayton in 1803. For some years the only mail received in Dayton was one that left Cincinnati once a week. The route was then up the Little Miami, through Lebanon and Xenia, thence down through Dayton and Hamilton to Cincinnati again. The first improvement in this state of things was a weekly mail route from Zanesville, by way of Franklin and Urbana, to Dayton; and this was succeeded by one through Chillicothe, which continued for years to be the principal channel from the East, when a more direct line was established through Columbus. In the spring of 1825 Mr. Timothy Squier formed a connection with the mail contractor between Cincinnati, Dayton, and Columbus, and started the first stage, by running once a week, and occupying two days in coming from Cincinnati to Dayton. Despite the prevalent opinion that Mr. Squier would lose by this operation, the country being thought to new to support so metropolitan a conveyance, the undertaking proved a success. Increasing travel demanded increased facilities, and coaches commenced running three times a week, and finally a daily mail line was established.

The "Dayton Repertory" was the first newspaper. It was issued by William McClure and George Smith on the 18th day of September, 1808. Five numbers were printed, and then it was suspended for about four months for want of paper. The first five numbers were printed on common writing-paper.



DAYTON CAR WORKS.

THE GENERAL APPEARANCE OF DAYTON IN AN EARLY DAY.

When the first settlers came to Dayton, the ground on which the city now stands was covered with a thick growth of scrub oak, hawthorne, and plum trees, etc., but not much heavy timber. While the inhabitants lived upon the river bank it was not uncommon for strangers, in coming into the place, after threading their way through the brush until they had passed through the entire plat of the town, to stop and inquire, "Where is Dayton?" and when told they had passed through the town, many concluded the proprietors had builded air castles when engaged in laying out the city, else they had not made it cover so much territory; and also a number of the inhabitants entertained the idea that Dayton was too extensively laid out. They did not believe the city would ever extend to the present site of the Court-house.

The first crop of corn was raised in 1796.

D. C. Cooper was the first stock raiser. In 1799 he raised a litter of pigs. Sheep were introduced soon afterward.

Colonel Newcom kept the pioneer tavern. The first school-house was erected in 1808. School was held, however, some four years previous in a log cabin.

The first church was built in 1804, by the Presbyterians.

The first railroad in the county was the Lake Erie and Mad River Railroad, opened to Springfield in 1850.

The Townships of Montgomery County, with Their Pioneer History.

BUTLER.

This township was named in honor of a militia field officer. Butler and Randolph were originally one township. But when each territory became somewhat thickly populated, they each claimed a polling place, and this caused the division.

The first actual settlers were Henry Youst, Thomas Newman, George Sink, and John Quillan. They erected the first dwelling houses—two near Little York, and two near Stillwater River. At that time this stream was known as the north-west branch of the Big Miami.

William, son of John Quillan, was the first white child born. The first wedding and first death is not known to us.

The first school-teacher was Mr. Edward Eaton. He taught the "young ideas how to shoot," in a log cabin that was used temporarily for a school-house. It was used afterwards as a stable. It stood near Mr. Waymire's residence.

Daniel Hoover enjoyed the reputation and title of the first store keeper.

The first church was formed by the Friends, at a point near Little York. Abijah Jones was the expounder of the gospel.

Abijah O'Neale caused the first saw mill to be built. Joseph Cooper was the builder and architect.

Andrew Waymire built the first grist mill.

The timber of this township is composed of oak, walnut, beach, and sugar maple.

Excellent stone quarries are found here also.

The soil, both bottom and undulating, is very fertile and productive.

The villages are as follows, to-wit: Vandalia, Tadmor, Little York, and Chambersburg.

CLAY.

This township derived its name from the soil. Joseph Mikesell. sr., gave it the name. He also kept the pioneer store. It was situated in the village now called Brookville.

The first grist mill and saw mills were built by Jacob Gripe.

The first white child born in the township was his son.

The Methodists built the first place of Christian worship.

Abram Wambaugh was the first preacher. This was in 1854.

The first school-house was situated about one mile from Brookville. It was built, as usual, of logs, and the principal of this primitive institution of learning was known as old Mr. Campbell.

The first death was that of Mrs. Rhynhart Gripe. She was also the first bride. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Heidrich.

Michael Baker settled here in 1805. He came from Pennsylvania, and settled one and a half miles north-east of Brookville. He always followed the life of a farmer. His descendants still live in the township.

The first house in the village of Brookvile was built by John McClennan. It still stands as a relic of departed days.

The villages are as follows, to-wit: Brookville, Dodson, Arlington, Bachman, West Baltimore, and Phillipsburg.

JACKSON.

This township was named in honor of General Jackson. Jackson and Jefferson were originally one. In 1815 the territory was divided. The western part was this township.

In 1813 settlers began to arrive, and then the busy and hardy life of the pioneer began.

In 1816 the first frame house was raised by Stephen Miller.

Adam Swinhart built the first saw mill.

The first church built was known as Stiver's Church, from the fact that he built it. It was of the Lutheran faith.

Christian Fogleson was the first white person to die.

Oliver Dalrymple was the first merchant. His store was situated on the present site of Farmersville. He also laid out Farmersville, and sold town lots to the farmers, and this gave it the name it bears.

The markets of Farmersville were not equal to the production of this locality, and thus the surplus was taken to Cincinnati.

The soil is black, mixed with clay, and is quite fertile.

The villages are: Farmersville—with Johnsville and New Lebanon on the line between Jackson and Perry.

MADISON.

This township was settled as early as 1801. A Mr. Post enjoyed the fame which an early day gave to the pioneer store-keeper. His store was situated on the four corners of the roads leading from Dayton to Pyrmont, and from Liberty to Union.

David Ward's house was the scene of the first birth.

A Mr. Soules built the first barn.

The quiet and industrious Dunkards erected the first meeting-house, and expounded the first doctrine of religion. This pioneer temple of worship was situated on what is now the Wolf Creek Pike. A Mr. Bowman, from Pennsylvania, was the first preacher.

Joseph Flickerstaff died from a severe attack of fever. This was the first death.

The first regular physician was a Dr. Ripley.

Daniel Miller built the first grist mill. It was located on Wolf Creek.

The villages in Madison Township are as follows, to-wit: Trotwood, New Germany, Post Town, Springtown, Air Hill, and Amity.

PERRY.

This township originally formed a portion of Jackson. Settlers began coming about 1819.

The southern part of the township was the scene of the first house. A log cabin was built by Andrew Clemer. He also built the pioneer grist mill.

The first white child born was Joseph King.

A Mr. Miller was the first school-teacher.

The United Brethren caused the first meeting-house to be built. The Rev. Mr. Bonebrake was its first minister.

The first mill was built near Johnsville. Its steady and monotonous noise was "sweet music" to the owner and his neighbors, as it spoke of civilization and plenty.

The first death was that of Betsey Houser.

The villages are as follows, to-wit: Pyrmont and Johnsville.

MAD RIVER.

This township derived its name from the river that courses through it by that appellation.

Mr. Hamar built the pioneer log cabin. It was located on the south side of Mad River.

The pioneer grist mill was built in 1805, by Mr. McCormick.

The Presbyterian Church was the first one organized. The Rev. Mr. Thompson expounded upon the merits of true religion to the sturdy pioneers in a log cabin. Undoubtedly they, in their small number, gathered together in their small and rude place of worship, felt the power of Christ to as great an extent as does the fashionable congregation of to-day, who listen to the flowery eloquence of the well-fed and high-salaried ministers of the present generation.

Mr. Beck taught the first school.

The soil is very fertile, and considerable gardening is done, as the markets of Dayton afford ready sales.

The villages are as follows, to-wit: Harries Station, Harshmansville, and Oakland.

GERMAN.

In 1802 this township was formed. Philip and Matthew Swartzel, R. and J. Hardon, J. Eastwood, J. Porter, J. Griffith, and B. Smith settled in this township the same year. Each year brought new and enterprising pioneers, and soon the entire township was populated with good and able farmers, and they soon had the township under a good state of cultivation.

The first edifice erected for the worship of the Lord was in 1804. It was of the Lutheran faith

Twin Creek was the scene of the first mills. This was in the year 1806, when a grist and saw mill were built. This was at a point where Germantown now stands.

In 1815 the good people were amazed by the building of a brick store and dwelling, the first in the township.

In 1814 Germantown was laid out by Philip Gunckle. The population to-day is about twenty-five hundred inhabitants, and is considered a brisk little town.

The principal towns in the township are Germantown and Sunbury.

RANDOLPH.

Randolph was first settled in 1800. The first store, however, was not started until 1810, when John Bench began mercantile life at Salem Springs.

The original school building was situated near Salem, and was built of logs. The teacher's name was Amos Edwards. The tuition was fifty cents per scholar.

The German Baptist Church was the first one organized in this township. This was in the year 1810. E. Flory was the good man who taught the sturdy pioneers the precepts of religion.

In 1806 John Bench built the first grist mill.

The first distillery was built by Benjamin Lohman.

The early settlers had considerable trouble in settling this township, as the Indians were a source of much anxiety; but success finally attended them, and to-day Randolph Township is the pride of those now living who assisted in making it what it is.

The principal villages are Salem, Harrisburg, and Union.

MIAMI.

In 1800 Anthony Chevatier, an old Revolutionary soldier, and others, settled in this township. They selected the northern part as the place of their choice.

Miamisburg was first owned by a man named Hole, and it was known for some time as Hole's Station.

The first grist mill was erected on Hole's Creek, by a man named Lamb, as early as 1800. Tradition says this Mr. Lamb built a dwelling house-without the use of nails or spikes.

The proverbial log school-house was erected at Alexandersville.

The pristine meeting-house was built near Miamisburg. It was of the Lutheran faith, and the Rev. Mr. Dill was the primal minister.

The township was organized about 1830, but Miamisburg was originally laid out by one Mr. Stine as early as 1818.

E. Gebhart was the first Justice of the Peace.

Henry Huest built the primal frame house.

Probably no township in the county afforded as much wild fruit and game as did Miami. Plums, grapes, and small berries grew in great abundance. Wild bees were to be heard in all parts of the forest as they plied their active every day business, and those who enjoyed piscatorial pleasure, found delight in baiting the hook, or drawing the seine in the streams coursing through this fertile region. Squirrels were so plentiful that the farmers offered a reward for each tail brought in, while the deer, turkeys, and wolves roamed through the boundless forests in droves.

The principal villages in this township are: Miamisburg, Danville, Carrolton, Alexandersville, and Bridgeport.

WASHINGTON.

This township received its name from our first President, General George Washington. The first settlers being of old Revolutionary familes, held this name in honor and esteem, despite the manner in which, at that time, it was assailed.

The first settlers were Doctor Hole, Aaron Nut, General Mauger, Judge Malby and Esquire Russel. About 1799 came the Sunderlands; and in 1800 the Harries, Kelses, and Hatfields.

About the year 1802, Rev. Charles McDaniel was sent out as a missionary by the Baptist societies of England, and he located in this township, though his circuit included many surrounding townships and a portion of the adjoining county of Greene.

The first white child born in the county was named Charlotte Jones, a daughter of William Jones, who subsequently removed to Kentucky. This child was baptized by Rev. Charles McDaniel, This clergyman was a most enthusiastic and devout worshiper, and his untiring labors gained for him a place, not only in history, but in the hearts of his people, who appreciated his efforts and warmly seconded them by their own. No privations were too exacting, no efforts too laborious or difficult in the cause to which he had devoted his life. It is a well-known and authentic fact that he often traveled twenty-five or thirty miles to speak, thinking no exertion too great to achieve a good result and his success was unlimited. He acquired a great influence over the Indians, who trusted him as their friend, and followed his instructions. He died at his post from disease contracted during the fulfilling of the duties of his calling.

The first child born in this township was Frank Nut, and the first marriage in the township was that of Peter and Nancy Sunderland.

The first death was that of Mary Stamell.

Arthur St. Clair built the first road (Macadamized.)

The people of this township are among the most industrious and respected people of the county.

The Baptist Church is the best sustained in this section.

The village of Centreville, so named from its central location, lying as it does, about midway between Dayton, Waynesville, and Franklin, is the largest village. The site upon which it stands was formerly owned by Benjamin Robins and Aaron Nut. Woodburn may also be mentioned as one of the villages of this township; but this village is gradually falling into decay. One of the most prominent of the early settlers, Dr. Isaiah Hole, resided until his death near this village. He descended from an old Revolutionary family, and was very well-known as a physician, and much esteemed as a citizen.

HARRISON.

This township was originally a part of Dayton, and its early history is identical with that of Dayton. The earliest records are traced to the year 1808. The township is one of the finest in the county. The farmers are prosperous, and their productions are some of the best, as the lands are well watered and productive. The township is thickly settled and prospering.

VAN BUREN.

Immediately south of Dayton will be found one of the most productive townships in Montgomery County. Inasmuch as the oldest inhabitants are dead, and no record of this township has been kept, it is an utter impossibility to discover who were the first settlers, or, in fact, anything pertaining to its early history. The township receives its name from Martin Van Buran, our eighth President.

The soil is especially adapted to the growth of grain and grass, which thrive in great luxuriance.

The principal towns are: Oakwood, Beavertown, and Shakertown.

WAYNE.

Like Harrison and Mad River townships the early history of this township is intimately connected with that of Dayton, from which it was organized, so much so, that a repetition is unnecessary.

The soil is exceedingly rich and productive, and the township well populated.

The principal town in this township is Taylorville.

Samuel A. Andrews was one of the first settlers. He located in the south-east part of the township. He lives in Dayton now.

JEFFERSON.

This township was named after President Jefferson, and settlers began locating here as early as 1804. The surveying of this township was superintended by Mr. Fulcus.

The first cabin was erected on what is now known as Section 17, on the south side of Bear Creek. It was built by Mr. Gripe. The second cabin was put up on Section 18, by Peter Weaver.

The first saw mill and grist mill were erected by a Mr. Weaver.

The first white person born in the settlement was Peter Weaver.

The first frame building is traced to Peter Hiesten, and it was built on the present Section No. 18.

The name of the first schoolmaster was ——— Oblinger, who taught both German and English in a log cabin which had been abandoned by one of the pioneers for a better one. Their reading-books were the Bible and Testament. Webster's Spelling-book was authority for hard words, and Talbot's Arithmetic completed the "course."

For some time the little circle of neighbors and friends, drawn still closer together by their combined efforts to erect homes for their loved ones, and to make these homes the scene of contentment and industry, was unbroken. But at last grim death claimed his own, and the first victim was a man named Hepener.

The first church was organized in the settlement of Gettersburg. It was a Lutheran church, and the first minister was one Mr. Decheron.

The soil is good, and in early days much wheat was grown. It will be a matter of no little surprise to the wheat growers of to-day, and to those who make and lose a fortune in a day in speculating with this product, to learn that in that early day wheat sold for twelve and one-half cents per bushel. In 1815 one George Patten hauled ten barrels of flour, a distance of one hundred miles, going and returning, to Cincinnati, and sold it for one dollar and a half a barrel. This may serve to show the farmers of to-day the difficulties of their pioneer fathers, and tend to increase the appreciation and reverence in which we should all hold the efforts of our predecessors to establish the towns and cities in which we live to-day.

Hon. John Turner was sent to the Legislature from this township.

The principal towns in Jefferson township are Gettersburg, Liberty, and Lambertine.

DAYTON

Dayton, the County-seat of Montgomery County, Ohio, is universally conceded to be one of the most beautiful cities of the Union. Its broad, smooth avenues, clean, wide business streets, and many magnificent private residences; its lovely drives, and attractive surroundings, combine to make the city of Dayton the most beautiful of the Western cities. It is also an enterprising, substantial, steady growing city. Not having grown up in a day, it is not doomed to perish in a day; but each year, as its manufacturing interests increase—its wealth and prosperity likewise—it becomes more and more one of the substantial cities of the United States.

The streets, so wide and pleasant, owe much of their beauty to the somewhat aristocratic ideas of Major-General Wilkinson, then commander of the United States Army, who, at the surveying and settling of the city, secured the Civil Engineer, D. C. Cooper, to lay out the city "so that a gentleman could turn a coach and six in the streets." Hence, Main street was made one hundred and thirty-three feet wide between the houses, and the other twelve original streets were laid out accordingly. The present beauty of the fashionable part of Dayton is largely due to this wise suggestion of General Wilkinson. One of the streets was named after him, and one after Israel Ludlow, who gave the city its name in honor of his friend, Jonathan Dayton. All of the streets are graveled, and are broad, clean and neat. The principal streets vary from one hundred and thirty-three feet in width to sixty, and the new streets in sub-divisions range from forty to sixty feet in width.

The city is located in a basin, the rim of which is a range of forest-clad terraces decorated with handsome homes. The drives are innumerable and attractive. The level roads afford fine facilities for lovers of fine horses, and Dayton has accordingly an unusual proportion of elegant equipages.

The town did not assume importance as a commercial and manufacturing point until the opening of the Miami and Erie Canal in 1830, since which time it has increased steadily in wealth and population. In 1860 Dayton had 20,000 inhabitants; in 1870, 31,000, and at the present time it is estimated at 40,000.

Macadamized turnpikes were constructed in every direction to settlements in Miami Valley within a radius of fifty miles, and these now form a large part of the attractiveness and value of the city, there being no less than forty Macadamized pikes radiating from Dayton into a country unsurpassed in fertility or unequalled in population in the west. The city is in the centre of the most densely populatied country west of the Alleghany Mountains.

While this city has not increased as rapidly in the census as commercial points on the great lakes and rivers, it has enjoyed a steady, permanent growth. It has economized its means and kept out of commercial debt, in a remarkable degree. Until it built Water-Works its municipal debt was only $500,000 for all purposes, and now, with all its public improvements, it is only $1,129,000, and its bonds are in quick demand at a premium, not only in eastern money centres but at home. Its business men rate high in commercial centres, and all her wealth is solid and substantial.

The great mass of the moneyed men of Dayton are self-made men, having made their money by hard toil and economy. Her aristocrats are workingmen, respected and self respecting.

When we consider the immense outlying population supplied by Dayton, we can readily see that her trade is important. Her largest grocery-house approximates one million dollars a year despite the competition of Cincinnati, Chicago, and New York City. Still, while her dry-goods, notions, and hardware jobbers are very important factors of her economies, it is in her mechanic arts and general manufactures in which her greater wealth exists. These amount to about $17,000,000 per annum, and embrace everything in the manufacturing line.

There are some twenty large flouring mills, one of which is the second largest in the United States.

There are about twenty establishments manufacturing agricultural implements, all employing heavy capital and a large number of artisans.

Among other large interests, the great quarries of Dayton must be mentioned. The stone is fine, white lime-stone, which is taken out of slabs twenty feet long and several feet thick. Some of the most highly ornamental public and private buildings in the West are constructed from the celebrated Dayton "marble."

The commanding location of this city, in the heart of the fertile Miami Valley; its hydraulics which furnish large water power; its distributing advantages, consisting of the Miami and Erie Canal, —termini at Lake Erie, at Toledo, and the Ohio River, at Cincinnati—combined with eight railroads, most of them trunk lines, radiating in all four directions; and lastly, forty splendid Macadamized pikes which accommodate a large tributory region of the country, are the business facilities of Dayton to-day. What other city of corresponding size can boast as many, or as important?

The people supply themselves with water chiefly from wells and cisterns, preferring water from these sources to that supplied by Holly Water-Works. At a depth of fifteen to twenty feet they find the purest water, and the water-works are used mainly to water the streets for public comfort, and keep the lawns and gardens fresh and vigorous.

The principal public buildings are the Court House, of Dayton, (marble) modeled after the Temple of Theseus, of classic renown; an elegant and commodious stone-front jail in the rear of it, estimated at a half million of dollars; the city buildings, (of brick with stone-facings), accomodating the principal market-house on a street level, with an admirable Public Library in the west end, Council Chamber and School-Board rooms in the east end, and spacious rooms for municipal officials in the centre, together with a City Hall, which accommodates 1,500 people; the Ohio Lunatic Asylum; eleven large commodious school-houses, and many magnificent churches; Music Hall, an elegant temple for the drama, and Gebhart's Hall, for the same purpose; St. Mary's Institute, on the outskirts of the city; and within full view of Dayton is the National Soldiers' Home, the cynosure of the city.

There are forty-seven churches in Dayton, and eighteen sects. The schools have always maintained the excellent reputation they bear to-day under able management.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The history of the schools of Dayton date back to the very earliest settlement. The people of the village were alive to the importance of good schools, and notwithstanding the rapid growth and development of the city, the school system has always been fully equal to all the educational requirements. The following list of schools, location, and principals is correct.

Normal School, Huffman avenue, between May and Center streets. Jane W. Blackwood, principal.

First District, Second street, between Madison and Sears streets. C. L. Loos, principal.

Second District, Perry street, between First and Second streets. A. P. Morgan, principal.

Third District, Ludlow street, between Sixth and Franklin streets. A. W. Shauck, principal.

Fourth District, Brown street, between Green and Hess streets. S. C. Wilson, principal.

Fifth District, Fifth street, between Clinton and High streets. J. C. Morris, principal.

Sixth District, Herriman street, between Wayne and Brown streets. Fred. Loehinger, principal.

Seventh District, corner of Fifth and Barnett streets. Esther A. Widner, principal.

Eighth District, north of Mad River (Texas). J. E. Johnson, principal.

Ninth District, Huffman avenue, between May and Center streets. Wm. H. Johnson, principal.

Tenth District, Fifth street (colored). J. G. Brown, principal.

High School, corner Fourth and Wilkinson streets. Captain C. B. Stiver, principal.

CHURCHES.

There are forty churches in the city of Dayton, and three Young Men's Christian Association chapels. There are some very able divines, whose indefatigable labors and personal example have combined to exert an influence for good through all portions of the city. The different churches are as follows, to-wit: Five Baptist, two Christian, one Dunkard, one German Evangelical, two Reformed, one Independent, one Jewish, four Lutheran, nine Methodist, six Presbyterian, two Episcopal, and six United Brethren.

NEWSPAPERS.

A sure indication of intelligence and enterprise of any community is always denoted in its newspapers. No city in the State is better supplied with ably-edited and newsy papers, when the population and field is considered, than Dayton. There are twenty-two different papers and periodicals published regularly, and the amount of good they do in all sections of the country is beyond computation.

POLICE FORCE.

The Dayton Police Force is one that reflects credit to the city. It is under the control of a Metropolitan Police Board, consisting of the Mayor and four commissioners. One commissioner is elected annually, whose term expires in four years. The following is a list of officers and salaries:

Captain and Acting Superintendent, salary $1,200 per year; two Sergeants, salary $810; three Roundsmen, salary $765; twenty-six Patrolmen, salary $720; two Turnkeys, salary $600.

Headquarters in City Building. Entrance on Jefferson street.

BANKS OF DAYTON.

Dayton National. Capital, $300,000.

Second National. Capital, $300,000.

Merchants National. Capital, $200,000.

Dayton Saving. Capital, $100,000.

Peoples' Bank and Saving Depository.

V. Winters & Son.

Gebhart, Harman & Co.

Loan and Saving Association.

Mutual Home and Saving Association. Capital, $1,000,000.

American Loan and Saving Association. Capital, $1,000,000.

Centennial Loan and Saving Association. Capital, $1,000,000.

Equitable Loan and Saving Association. Capital, $1,000,000.

RAILROADS.

Nothing speaks more favorably of the enterprise of any country than its railroad facilities. These are but the requirements of commerce in all its varied branches. The railroad facilities of Dayton and Montgomery County are excellent. The following list of roads centering at Dayton will be found reliable:

The Dayton and Western. Controlled by the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis.

The Dayton, Xenia and Belpre. Controlled by the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis.

The Dayton and Michigan. Controlled by the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton.

The Dayton and Union.

The Dayton and South-Eastern.

The Dayton, Covington and Toledo.

Home Avenue.

Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis.

Atlantic and Great Western.

The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton.

The National Soldiers' Home.

The Central National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers of the United States, in full view of Dayton, is an object of universal interest and a most magnificent military charity. It had its origin in Ohio. The suggestion was derived from a State House for Ohio Disabled Volunteers, by authority of an act introduced into the Ohio Senate by Lewis B. Gunckel, then State Senator from this district. March 21st, 1865, Congress passed the act authorizing the National Home for Disabled Soldiers. Three were authorized—one at Augusta, Me., one in Milwaukee, Wis., and the principal, or Central Home at Dayton.

This is a beautiful spot—about three miles from the heart of the city. Everything has been done to beautify it, and make it comfortable.

There are at present about four thousand soldiers here. Col. E. F. Brown, formerly of the New York Volunteers, himself a one-armed soldier, is Governor of the Home, and Rev. Wm. Earnshaw has officiated as Chaplain ever since its organization. Both are efficient, zealous workers, and devote themselves entirely to the welfare of those under their supervision and care.

Business History.

In order to make the compilation of the business history of this thrifty and highly prosperous county complete, interesting, and instructive, we give historical sketches of the most prominent business institutions—some who have figured prominently in making Dayton and the county at large what it is to-day. Our information has been obtained from a most reliable source, and from proprietors, or agents on the premises, and no date or statements given that has not been seen and approved by the parties themselves, hence they must be recognized as reliable.

Henry Best, the oldest and most reliable jewelry house in the county, was established in 1828. In 1861 the firm changed by his taking his son Edwin into partnership. The house still bears the old name, and does a first-rate business. They are perfectly reliable.

In 1847 Joseph and Ezra Bimm (brothers) began business in Dayton, therefore we deem the public will be interested in knowing something of their business history, as they have endured the trials and hardships of the pioneers and are now reaping the reward due to such men. The father came to Dayton long before she had taken her place among the commercial marts of the Union, and when Joseph Bimm, Esq., was but a mere lad, and he can well remember the many changes which have taken place that has transformed the then sparcely settled village into the beautiful and highly prosperous city of to-day. Ezra Bimm, Esq., was born near this city, and like his brother can well remember how it is that a young man in a new country earns his "daily bread by the sweat of his brow," as both of these now eminently successful business men have worked at the roughest and hardest kind of labor for the sum of $5.00 per month. Mr. Bimm, sr., was at one time offered the lot where the Court-house now stands for five days' labor, but owing to the fact that "the lot" was noth-

ing but a "duck pond," and considered worthless, the offer was not accepted. Joseph and Ezra continued in business as partners for sixteen years in the Grocery and Pork-Packing business. Their location then was the same as to-day. Since that time Ezra has erected a fine brick block on the site of the pioneer store. After sixteen years of successful business, the firm of J. and E. Bimm dissolved, Joseph confining himself to the pork-packing, and Ezra to the grocery and ice business. Ezra then took into partnership Joseph, eldest son, a young man of rare business ability, and the firm name was E. Bimm & Co. Finally the fell destroyer, Death, came and claimed as its own the son and nephew and left many sorrowing friends behind. However, fortune favored these honest and never daunted pioneers, and to-day they are reaping the abundant fruits of a successful business career. In 1879, E. Bimm, Esq., took into partnership his two sons, and now the firm name is E. Bimm & Sons. They are doing a large and pleasant business in the Wholesale and Retail Grocery and Ice trade. They have an artificial lake of forty acres which cuts some 50,000 tons of ice annually. Joseph Bimm, Esq., is still actively engaged in pork-packing. Long may these gentlemen live to enjoy the prosperity and happiness which is the just reward of industry, intelligence, and true integrity.

In 1847 the business of S. N. Brown & Co., was established, and in 1866 was incorporated as a stock company. They employ from one hundred and twenty to one hundred and forty hands in making wheels and wheel material. Thomas Brown is President, J. M. Phelps, Secretary and Treasurer, and S. N. Brown, General Superintendent.

In 1865, M. Blau, Esq., began business in Dayton. He deals in all kinds of scrap-iron, hides, wool, leather, paper, stock, etc. His business is quite extensive, and he ranks well among our wholesale business men. His building is on Mill street, and is 150x40 feet, and in the rear of the store he has a yard for storing purposes one hundred feet deep. Mr. Blau is ably seconded in his business transactions by his son Albert, who does all in his power to advance the interest of his father. They are both honorable gentlemen, doing much for the welfare of Dayton.

Thomas Nixon, successor to Nixon & Co., paper manufacturers, was established in 1866. This is an extensive institution, giving steady employment to about thirty hands. Mr. Nixon manufactures paper bags, flour-sacks, and printed wrapping paper. His trade extends from the east to the west, and from the lakes to the gulf. In connection with this mill, Mr. Nixon has a paper-mill in Richmond, Ind., which makes paper for the paper bags. Capacity of mill in paper bags alone is 250,000 bags per day. Mr. Nixon is a young man, full of activity and business.

In 1867, Messrs. D. Gebhart, Joseph Gebhart, and H. L. Pope entered into a co-partnership under the firm name of Gebhart, Pope & Co., for the purpose of manufacturing linseed oil and cake. In 1879, Jas. R. Gebhart retired, and the vacancy thus caused was filled by Walter Gebhart. They occupy a building 80x50 feet, two stories, and give employment to about eleven men. This well-known and highly prosperous firm transacts a large amount of business annually. They crush some 100,000 barrels of seed per year, which is made into oil and cake, that is shipped principally direct to Europe.

In 1869 Messrs. Chadwick & Francisco entered into a co-partnership for the purpose of manufacturing jail work and iron railing of all kinds. Their work can be found in nearly all sections of the country, and all jobs speak well of the manner in which they are done. They utilize a building 75x50 feet, giving employment to about eight mechanics. Any contracts awarded to this firm will be promptly executed. They are honorable gentlemen.

In June, 1876, the Buckeye Iron and Brass Works was incorporated as a joint stock company,

with a capital of $75,000. Chas. E. Pease, president; R. M. Anderson, vice-president; W. B. Anderson, secretary—all men of acknowledged integrity and ability. This company manufacture all kinds of brass and iron goods for steam engines, etc. They are also the owners of the Pease Tobacco Cutter, Krutzch Universal Milling Machine, and Improved Monitor Lathe for brass finishers. Their factory is 250x50 feet, with foundry attached, 60x50 feet. They use a 60-horse power engine, and give employment to one hundred and thirty-five men.

In February, 1877, E. P. Schneider and William W. Hackney began gold and silver plating, and manufacturing and repairing guns. This firm, although not quite so extensive as some of our colossal institutions, embraces much experience and honor, and all work done by this firm may be relied upon as A No. 1. Their location is No. 5 Canal street, near Third.

In September, 1879, A. Zengel & Co. began business by manufacturing boxes of all kinds. They were the successors of Heinson & Protzman. The firm of Zengel & Co. are known as the Miami Valley Box Manufacturers. They make all descriptions of boxes, but make a specialty of cigar boxes. Their building is two stories, 90x60 feet, and employ about fourteen hands. They enjoy a good reputation and large patronage in this and adjoining states. They are reliable and trustworthy.

In 1834 the business of Greer & King was established, hence they figure prominently in our business history. This well-known and highly-prosperous firm enjoy a reputation second to no other house of the kind in the West. They manufacture and deal in all kinds of stoves and hollow ware, tinners' stock, etc. Their factory is located on the canal, between Second and Third streets, and the store and office is in the Huffman Block, Third street. This firm ranks among our best and foremost business men of not only Montgomery County, but Ohio as well.

In 1844 J. H. Pierce, Esq., began business in Dayton. At that time he was the proprietor of a lard-oil mill. In this business Mr. Pierce gained a wide acquaintance and an honorable position in business and social circles. In 1876 he purchased the planing mill on the corner of Wayne and State streets, and has since that time been engaged in manufacturing sash, doors, blinds, and builders' materials. Some time previous to 1876, Mr. Pierce had owned an interest in this valuable property. The dimensions are as follows, to-wit: 100x60 feet, giving employment to some thirty hands. Mr. Pierce is a courteous gentleman, doing much for Dayton.

In 1853 J. R. Johnston, Esq., began business. He was then one of the firm of Pease, Clegg & Co., machinists and foundry. In 1878 the present firm of J. R. Johnston & Son was formed, who still continue in the foundry and machine business. April 5, 1879, this firm was burned out, which did them almost untold injuries, as it destroyed nearly all of their patterns, and the stock of patterns before this fire was complete. May 4, 1879, they were again running full blast. Mr. Johnston is one of our old residents, and occupies a prominent place in business circles, while both members of the firm are hard-working and honorable gentlemen.

In 1868 Messrs. Weusthoff & Getz began manufacturing grain drills, etc., on Wayne street. The superiority of their drill gave them a large and rapidly-increasing trade. In 1871 they organized the Farmers' Friend Manufacturing Company, with $100,000 capital. The following officers were elected for their integrity and probity, to-wit: Benj. Kuhns, president; Robert Craig, vice president; V. P. Van Horne, secretary; Jas. A. Marlay, treasurer. Their factory is a fine building, as can be seen from an illustration of the same in this book, built with all the conveniences that good mechanics could

suggest. It is 206x140 feet, four stories, and is utilized to its utmost capacity in making the popular grain drill and corn planter called the Farmers' Friend, and it is conceded by the best farmers that it is indeed the farmers' friend. About ninety men are employed the year through in making these implements, which find their way into all wheat-growing sections of the world.

In 1868 C. Schwind, Esq., built the Dayton View Brewery. This well-known and valuable property takes up a lot 220x250 feet. This establishment was built with the view of making the best kind of lager, and it has met the expectation of its proprietor, as the Dayton View lager is a favorite beverage with all who indulge in the cooling drink. Mr. Schwind makes some 9,000 barrels per year, using up some 24,000 bushels of barley and about 11,250 pounds of hops. He is an enterprising man, and figures well in business circles.

In 1866 Messrs. Stilwell & Bierce began manufacturing turbine water wheels, etc., in Dayton. In 1870 they built the present substantial and commanding factory and organized themselves into a joint stock company. This company embraces much experience and knowledge of this branch of commerce. They make a specialty of the Victor and Eclipse Turbine Water Wheels and the Stilwell Patent Lime-Extracting Heater. This is a valuable invention. Their works are as follows, to-wit: Main building, 160x40, two stories; foundry, 100x40, with the necessary out-buildings. They are also making arrangements for building a fire-proof warehouse. This is one of the solid companies of Montgomery County.

In 1860 John Rouzer began business as a contractor and builder. Success attended Mr. Rouzer in all his undertakings, and to-day he ranks among the largest and most reliable builders in Montgomery County. He uses a building 110x70 feet, four stories, and gives employment to about fifty men. His location is well known, at the head of Fourth street, on canal. He makes a specialty of black walnut work, stair building, etc. Mr. Rouzer, personally, is an honorable gentleman.

In 1862 Messrs. Jos. and C. B. Clegg and E. M. Wood entered into a co-partnership for the purpose of manufacturing linseed oil and cake. In 1872 they organized a joint stock company. The other members were W. S. and Geo. A. Archer. These are all gentlemen of standard reputation, and have gained by persistent labors a large business. In addition to the linseed oil and cake business, they manufacture a horse hay-rake of standard excellence. They employ about fifty hands. The building extends from the canal to Wyandotte street, and is four stories high.

In 1875 the now well-known and prosperous firm of Smith & McIntire was formed. They are centrally located, at No. 127 East Third street, and do a large business as importers and dealers in China, glass and queensware, lamps, chandeliers, etc. In the prosecution of their business they use a store 125x18 feet, five stories, and they rank among our solid business men. The public will find this a pleasant firm to deal with.

In 1874 A. A. Simonds came to Dayton from the East. Mr. Simonds built his present substantial factory on Dayton View Hydraulic, and equipped it purposely for a knife factory, as this was the business Mr. Simonds was engaged in East. His building is 100x40, giving employment to about eighteen men. He makes a specialty of paper and planing-mill knives, and has gained a good reputation in Dayton as a manufacturer and a gentleman.

In 1876 the Messrs. Snyder Bros., purchased the old building on the Dayton View Hydraulic, and after thoroughly repairing it, equipped in a first-class manner as a merchant mill, put in six run of stone with a combined capacity of one hundred barrels of fine flour every twenty-four hours. The mill is constantly kept in the best shape possible, and to farmers they will exchange flour for wheat. The

firm of Snyder Bros. & Co., are able men, doing all in their power to advance the best interests of Dayton.

Among the many flourishing establishments in Dayton dealing in notions and fancy goods, none occupy a more prominent position than the wholesale house of C. J. Coffman & Co., No. 121 East Third street—in the Hoffman Block. Although they have only been in this city since 1879, during the short time that has elapsed since their opening a house here, they have acquired a wide-spread and enviable reputation among all business men. While their goods are of the best quality, their prices are suited to the times, and their numerous patrons are on the increase. Their store is 18x120 feet.

In 1878, Messrs. L. & M. Woodhull began manufacturing buggies and carriages. This firm has for some time before this been engaged largely in the seed and agricultural implement trade, and are well and favorably known to many of our farmers and business men. The work turned out of their shops is second to none in the country, and their trade amounts to very large sums annually. Their factory is 65x65 feet, four stories, and they employ about fifty hands the year round. This enterprising and reliable firm began business in Dayton about thirty-two years ago.

In 1879, the firm of Clark & Co., was organized. They employ about ten hands in manufacturing Clark's Celebrated Horse Rasp, and all kinds of files. They are located on Second street.

Messrs. Bright & Crosley began the wholesale fancy grocery trade in Dayton in 1877, and though comparatively new they enjoy an enviable reputation and a remunerative trade. They make a specialty of teas, tobaccos, and cigars. Their location is central, at No. 117 East Third street. Store room one hundred and thirty feet deep and four stories high. We wish Messrs. Bright & Crosley success.

Owen Pixley & Co., of Utica, N. Y., opened a branch house in Dayton in 1879. This house embraces much experience and practical knowledge of the clothing business, and ranks among the largest in the entire country. They manufacture all of their clothing, and will give to buyers in this county a fine and extensive assortment of clothing and gents' furnishing goods at bottom prices. See advertisement.

In 1865 Messrs. Legler, Barlow & Co., began the dry-goods trade in Dayton. This branch of commercial industry requires more skill and offers a wider field for legitimate operation than any of the other industries, hence the dry-goods traffic needs to be mentioned in order to make this book complete. We find by careful inquiry that the well-known and popular house of Legler, Barlow & Co., of Nos. 35 and 37 North Main street, ably represent this branch of commerce in Montgomery. They import and job all kinds of dry-goods and notions, and enjoy the confidence of the entire public. They use for the prosecution of their business a building 140x40 feet, five stories. All members of this firm are gentlemanly to all.

The Champion Plow Works of Dayton was established in 1869 by Messrs. Mause & Breneman. In 1873 the firm of J. Lane Reed & Co., was formed. They are the present proprietors of these large works. They use a factory 125x100 feet, four stories, and employ some seventy-five men. All members of this firm are men who stand high in public opinion.

In 1842 the business of Pritz & Co., was established. The firm-name to-day is Pritz & Kuhns. They occupy a building whose aggregate dimensions are 245x164 feet. They give employment to a large number of men, who turn out annually a large number of the well-known and popular Dorsey Self-raking Reaper and Mower, and the Dayton Tripple Force Feed Drill. In compiling this work it is our intention to do to all of our hundreds of patrons everything that lies in our power, and we can heartily recommend to all farmers the Dorsey Self-reaper and Mower Combined, and in doing this we simply echo the opinions of our best and most reliable farmers. See cut of machine in tangled grain.

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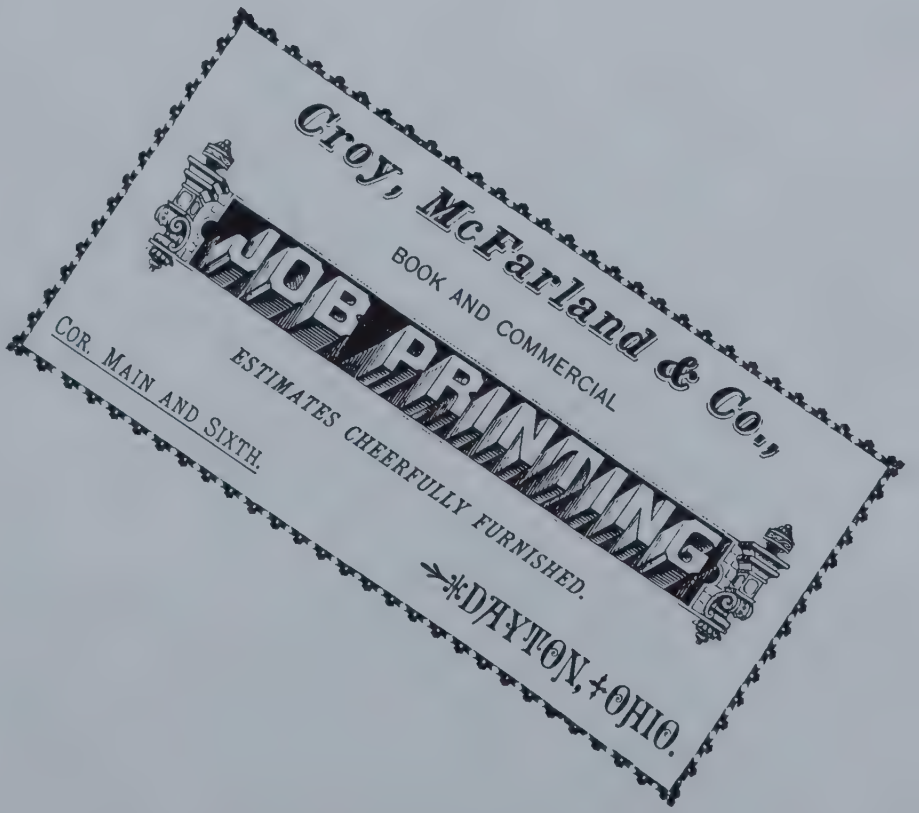
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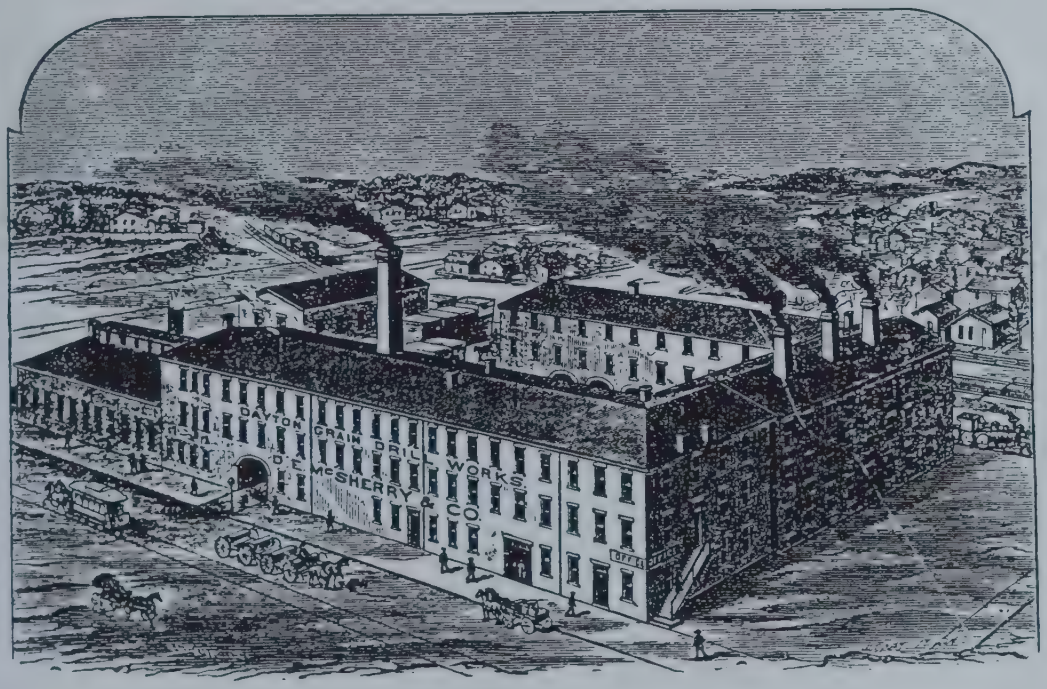
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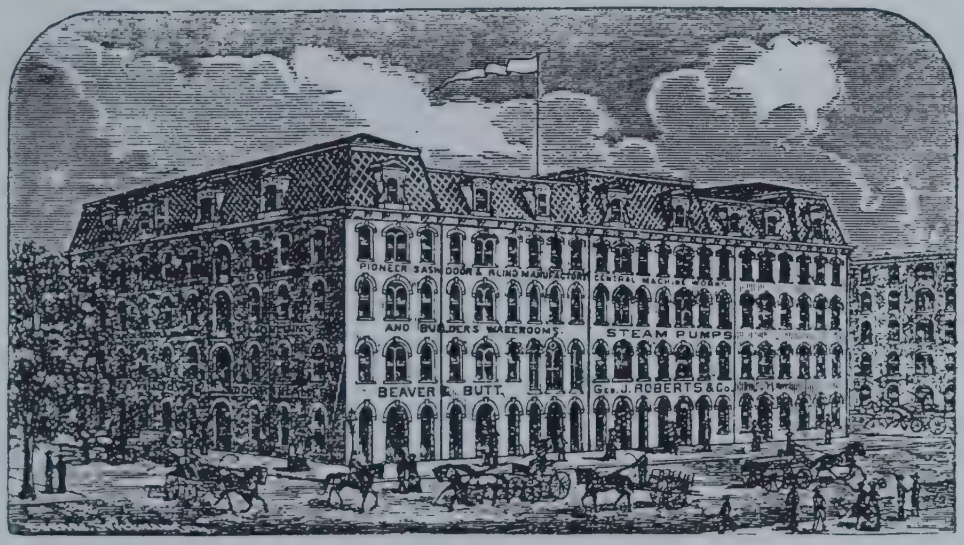
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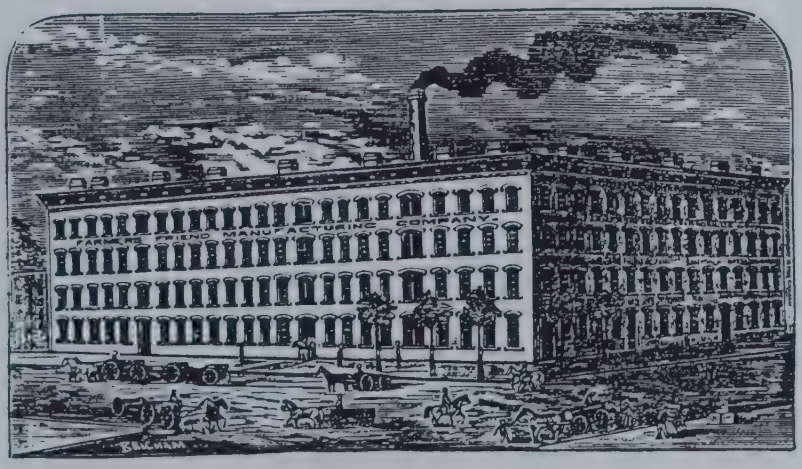
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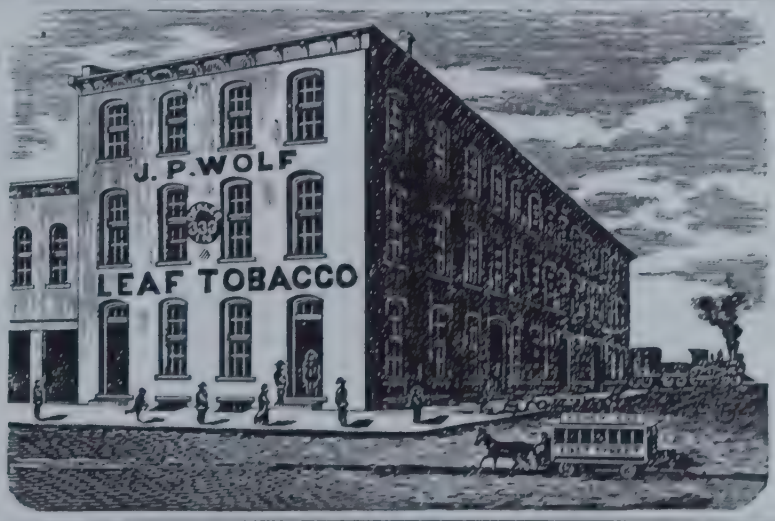

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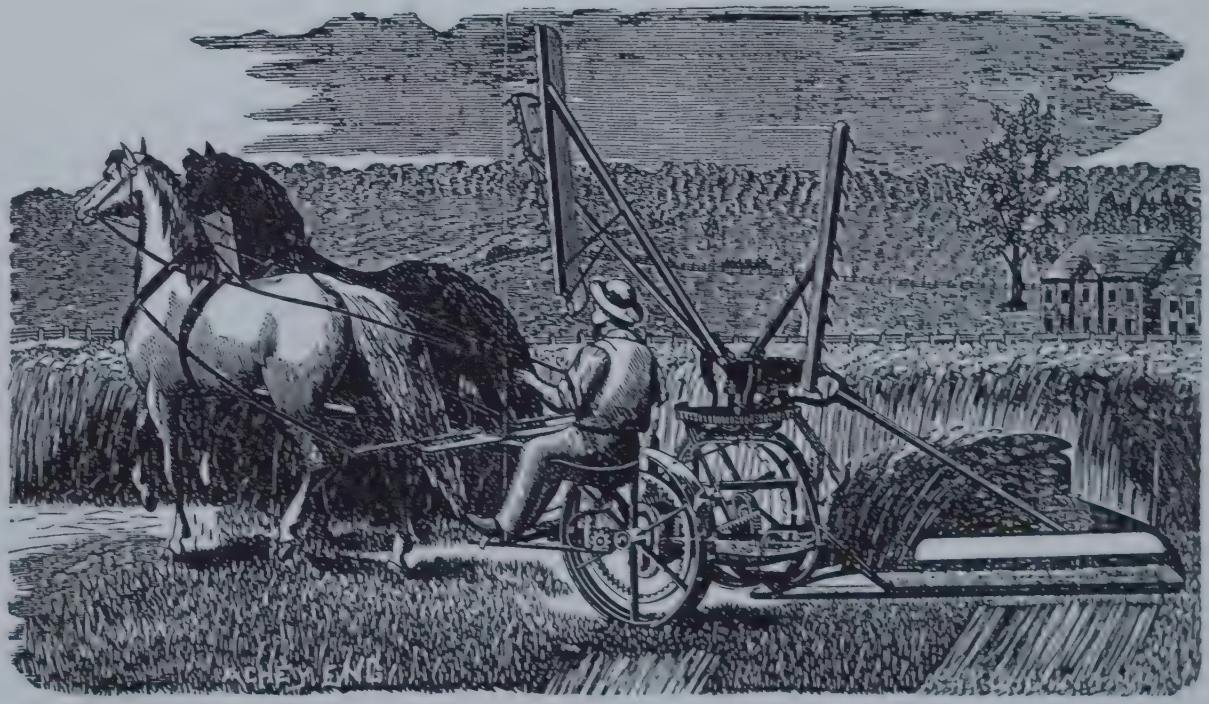

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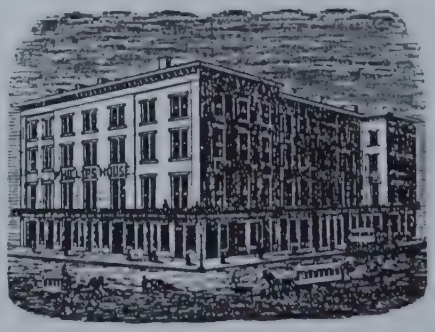

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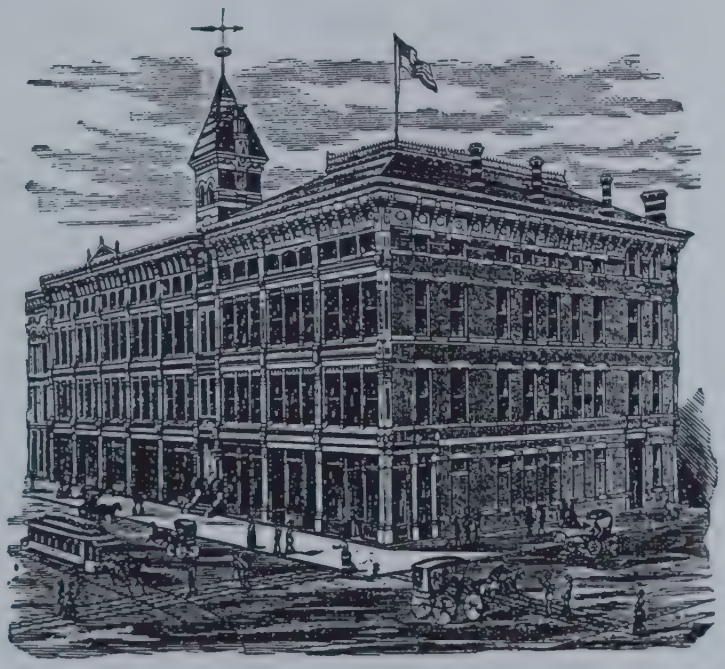

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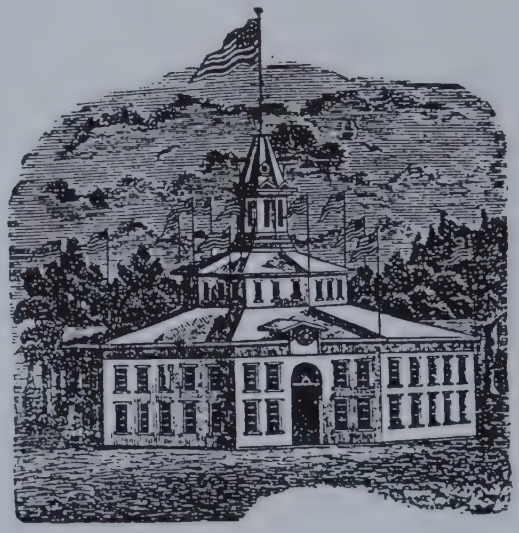

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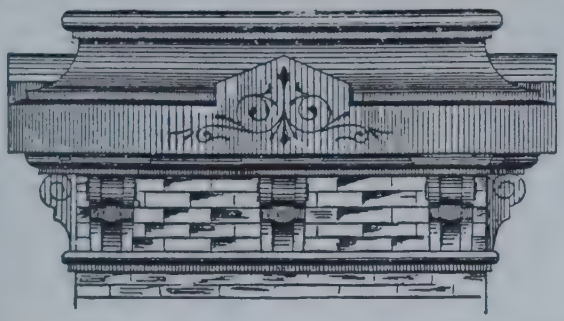

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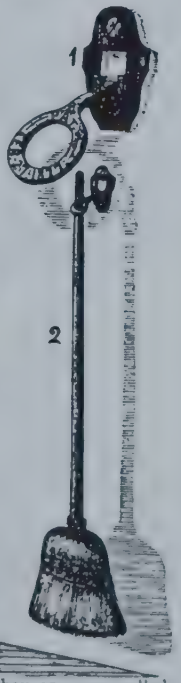

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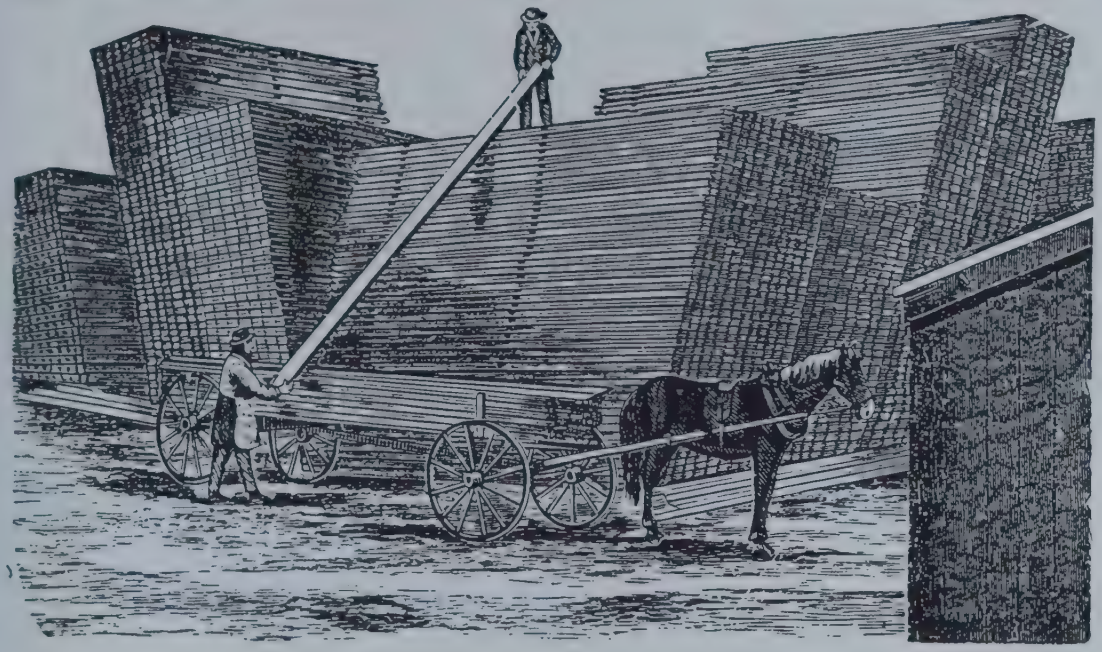

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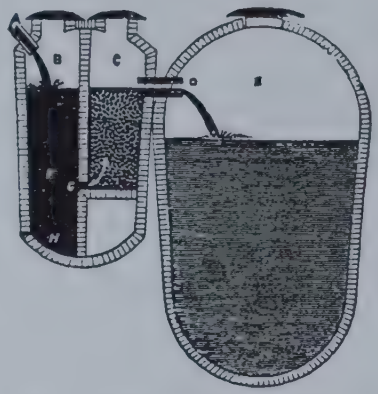

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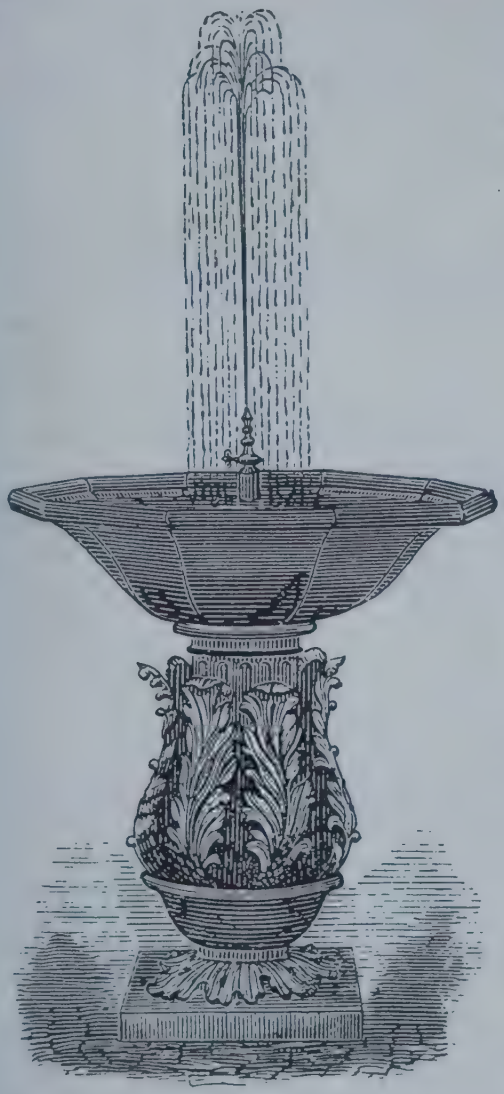

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